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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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) Group Art Unit: 3629

Title:

SYSTEM FOR ACCEPTING NON HARMING MAIL AT A

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#### STATUS INQUIRY - NEW PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

More than thirty-six (36) months have passed since the filing of the above-identified patent application on December 12, 2001. No Communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application.

Therefore, applicant wishes to inquire as to the present status of the above-identified pending patent application.

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